(b) if so, the action taken by Government to increase the allocation to tribal areas; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL) (a) to (c) Central Assistance for the development of tribal and scheduled areas of the Country under Article 275(1) of the Constitution is administered by Ministry of Tribal Affairs. As per information available, annual allocation under Article 275(1) has increased from Rs. 380 crore in 2005-06 to Rs. 416 crore for the current year for the development of tribal and scheduled areas.

Withdrawal of deposits from RRBS

4225. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in the country are deprived of bulk low cost deposits in view of State Government withdrawing deposits from them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to take any corrective steps to ensure that RRBs may not face any problem due to low cost deposits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL) (a) to (d) Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) have been deprived of getting low cost bulk deposits, because certain State Governments consider only Natinalized Banks' as eligible institutions for placing deposits. Besides, some of the State Governments have expressed difficulty in placing Government deposits with RRBs as RRBs are not on CBS (Core Banking Solution) which enables transfer of funds quickly. Taking note of it, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised their Regional Offices to discuss the matter in their respective Empowered Committee. The Government has also advised National bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to impress upon the State Government to park their funds with RRBs.

Securing job using fake caste certificates

4226. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a large number of people have secured jobs in the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) by submitting fake caste certificates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether on the basis of fake certificates a number of officials in the CBEC have got promotions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and